



Resolution No. 2016R-018

City of Minneapolis

File No. 16-00102

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Honoring the 2016 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Essay Contest winners.

Whereas, the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights was established in 1975 to implement Civil Rights policies through public information, education, mediation, conciliation, and adjudication; and

Whereas, the Commission provides leadership in the areas of civil rights and carries forward the policies of the City through the prevention and elimination of bias and discrimination; and

Whereas, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., believed that liberty, justice, and freedom were the 'inalienable rights' of all men, women, and children and that all people were equal in the sight of God and deserving of dignity and self-worth; and

Whereas, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a recipient of the Nobel Prize, became a national hero whose birthday has been declared a national holiday by his nation's government; and

Whereas, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., inspired people and nations world-wide to strive in non-violent manners for the human rights, civil liberties, and economic guarantees rightfully due people of all races; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights established the Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Essay Contest in 2005 as an opportunity to continue and renew this endeavor through education; and

Whereas, all ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students who reside in Minneapolis were eligible to participate by submitting one essay with their answers to this topic: Dr. King's vision is alive and well through the work of current civil rights activists. What kind of impacts are these activists making on the current political and social landscape, and how do you see their work influencing the future?

Whereas, the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights selected the following prize winners:

1st Place: Elaine Thao

2nd Place: Joshua Hodge

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Minneapolis City Council honors and appreciates all of those students who participated in the 2016 Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Essay Contest, and gives special recognition to those who won 1st and 2nd place.

Committee: N/A Public Hearing: N/A Publication: 1/23/2016

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE				
MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
REICH	X			
GORDON	X			
FREY	X			
B. JOHNSON	X			
YANG	X			
WARSAME	X			
GOODMAN	X			
GLIDDEN	X			
CANO	X			
BENDER	X			
QUINCY				X
A. JOHNSON	X			
PALMISANO	X			
DATE:	JAN 15 2016			

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ATTEST:


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